Shortage of IPS officers

†2629. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of officers of Indian Police Service is less than the required number and many posts are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the number of vacant posts and since when these are laying vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact some States have requested the Central Government to meet the shortage of IPS officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to meet this shortage at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The gap between the Total Authorized Strength of Indian Police Service and number of officers in-position is a regular feature due to superannuation, voluntary retirement, resignation, dismissal, death, periodic review of cadre strength etc. As on 1.1.2006, the Total Authorized Strength of Indian Police Service was 3851, against which 329 IPS officers were in position. The vacancies in IPS are filled up through Civil Services Examination conducted every year by UPSC and by appointment of SPS officers to IPS, which is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Some states, particularly Jharkahand, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Chhattisgarh have requested for State to State deputation of IPS officers of SP rank.

(e) The Central Government has increased direct recruitment to IPS from Civil Services Examinaton, 2002 onwards. IPS officers are also being sent on State to State deputation.

Modernisation of police forces

2630. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken steps towards modernization of Police forces in the country;

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